

near Swaffham. Three were taken on 10.vii.85, and one or two in earlier years similarly. *D. serra* develops in certain tree fungi, but none was apparent on the oak concerned, which looked quite sound externally. — A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, London, SE7.

EGG-LAYING CATOCALA PROMISSA D.&S., THE LIGHT CRIMSON UNDERWING (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) — In view of the apparent difficulty in obtaining eggs of this species, it may be of interest to record that a female captured on 25.vii.1987 in Hampshire laid eight eggs between 2nd and 6th August.

Eggs were laid on netting covering a small, circular container (kept out of doors); tissue paper in the container and one directly on honey-impregnated tissue used to feed the moth. Materials in the container not utilised included cork bark, oak bark, leaves and damp moss used to keep the humidity high. J. PLATTS, 11 Maydowns Road, Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent.

ZYRAS HAWORTHII. STEPH. (COL.: STAPHYLINIDAE) IN DORSET — A single specimen of this rarely recorded beetle was taken from leaf litter in a Dorset Naturalists Trust reserve at Brackett's Copse, Harwood on 12.v.1987. Recent records of this species have been summarised by Appleton (1971, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* 107: 256), and includes a fairly recent record from Studland, Dorset. Fowler (1888, *Col. Brit. Isl.* 2: 56) gives a 19th century record from Bloxworth by C. P. Cambridge. This capture seems to be the third recorded for Dorset, and the most westerly one. Previous records are mainly from Surrey, with Essex and the New Forest also included.

The leaf litter was collected either lying in the open or amongst ramsons (*Allium ursinum*), from a damp area near the stream which flows through the reserve. On this occasion, no ants were seen, and this brightly coloured beetle was probably on the move. P. D. ORTON, 22 Lyewater, Crewkerne, Somerset.

A SCOTTISH SPECIMEN OF COLEOPHORA ALNIFOLIAE BARASCH (LEP.: COLEOPHORIDAE) — A male specimen of this species has remained unrecognized in my collection for the last 36 years, collected at Camghouran, Rannoch, Perthshire (v.c. 88), probably with the aid of a Tilley lamp, on 23.vi.1951. Both alder and birch are abundant in this area. I made a genitalia slide from the specimen in 1951, but did not have sufficient information to identify it correctly at that time and it came to be placed amongst my *C. milvipennis* Zeller. Recently I re-examined my slides in the light of the paper by Karsholt & Nielsen (1978, *Ent. Meddr* 46: 1-16) and Emmet's (1980, *Entomologist's Rec. J. Var.* 92: 129-138) translation of their keys to species by genitalia. Karsholt & Nielsen's photographs have been reproduced too faintly to be able to recog-